



High School Senior 4-H Scholarship

The Fillmore County 4-H Council scholarship was established with funds from the 4-H Council to honor graduating seniors for their years of commitment to the 4-H program. These funds will be available to Fillmore County 4-H members who are pursuing their education in any area at any post-secondary institution.

Fillmore County 4-H Scholarship Criteria:

1. The 4-H Council has a pool of funds for scholarships that will be awarded to top applicants. Money will be divided among those who are most qualified to receive the scholarships.
2. One \$250 scholarship will also be awarded in memory of Ralph "Bud" Vauck and Clay S. Metcalf.
3. Applicants must have participated in the 4-H program for a minimum of five years and are currently enrolled in the Fillmore County 4-H program.
4. Scholarship may be used for any field of study and at any post secondary institution.
5. The scholarship will be rewarded at first semester of freshman year with proof of enrollment.
6. Must be signed by guidance counselor or administrator showing grade point average.
7. Application must be legible and signed by applicant.
8. Applicants must submit an essay (minimum 1 page maximum 4 pages) including the topics of: 4-H Experiences, Leadership Experiences, Community Involvement/Service Learning Experiences, and Career Spark (see page 2 for expanded description).
9. Applicants must include one letter of recommendation.
10. You must complete the application form and return to the Extension Office with one letter of recommendation by December 1st for the year it is to be awarded.

The recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

- 40% 4-H Experiences-Describe your collective 4-H experience.
- 30% Leadership Experiences-Describe your 4-H experiences that have help build your leadership skills, both in 4-H and Non-4-H experiences.
- 20% Community Involvement/Service Learning Experiences-Describe two times you were involved in volunteer service to others and/or the community through 4-H or other opportunities.
- 10% Scholastic Achievement/ Career Spark-Grade Point and/or rank in class (completed in application & signed from Guidance Counselor) Describe how your 4-H experiences have sparked your interest in a future career field.

Essay Requirements Expanded:

Answer the following items within a maximum of 4 pages. Please use headings (4-H Experiences, Leadership Experiences, Community Involvement/Service-Learning Experiences, and Career Spark) to separate your responses. Creativity is encouraged, use bullet lists, photos, infographics, etc. to help tell your 4-H story. The items bulleted are suggestions of what might help us understand your involvement and learning.

4-H EXPERIENCES

- Part 1
 - Describe your collective 4-H experience.
 - Indicate the depth and breadth of your 4-H experience.
 - Identify the number of years in the program.
 - Identify program experiences in which you engaged.
 - What skills have you learned as a result of being a part of the 4-H program?
 - What have you learned about yourself as a result of being a part of 4-H?
- Part 2
 - Describe your 4-H experience within the last 4-H year.
 - What was your level of involvement?
 - Identify 3 program experiences that you would consider a “highlight” of your year. ◦ Describe these experiences. What did you do? What was involved? Who was a part of this experience? Why did you want to participate? What was accomplished through this experience? What was your favorite part of the experience? What did you learn?
 - How will this past year influence your future (i.e., 4-H experience, classroom experience, career, etc.)?

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

- Part 1: 4-H Leadership Experiences
 - Describe your 4-H leadership experiences that have helped build your leadership skills.
 - What type of leadership was it? ◦ For example: Roles (Club President), Activities (4-H Lend a Hand Day), Experiences (Being a Junior Ambassador for my county).
 - When did these experiences occur?
 - Identify your part in the experiences: Duties you completed, responsibilities you fulfilled, skills you utilized
 - What did you learn about leadership through these experiences?
- Part 2: Non 4-H Leadership Experiences
 - Describe your Non 4-H leadership experiences that have helped build your leadership skills
 - What type of leadership was it? For example: Roles (Youth Choir Jr. Director), Activities (Warrior Football Camp), and Experiences (Student Council Member).
 - When did these experiences occur?
 - Identify your part in the experiences: Duties you completed, responsibilities you fulfilled, skills you utilized
 - What did you learn about leadership through these experiences?

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SERVICE-LEARNING EXPERIENCES

- Describe two times you were involved in volunteer service to others and/or the community through 4-H or other opportunities.
 - List the type of involvement
 - When did the experiences occur?
 - What were duties, responsibilities, and skills you used to be successful?
 - What did you learn in each of your experiences?

CAREER SPARK

Describe how your 4-H experiences have sparked your interest in a future career field.

Application Form

Fillmore County 4-H Council Scholarship



Name: _____

Years in 4-H: _____

Address: _____

High School: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Rank ____ in class of _____

What are your post high school plans?

On a separate paper complete the questions on the first page.

I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be correct.

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

I have reviewed this application and believe it to be correct.

Date: _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____ Signature of Guidance Counselor: _____